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25X1A note: On 26 October 1947 the Soviet Russian-language Daily News in Shanghai announced an immediate compulsory registration of Poles under the direction of the "Polish Citizens' Association (Union) of Shanghai".)

1. When the announcement appeared that all Poles in Shanghai must register with the Polish Citizens' Association, members of the Polish community were puzzled, as they had not been told previously what the Association was or what it represented. A number of Poles, mostly Jewish people who hold passports from the Warsaw Government, discussed the matter with Marik Bayer, Polish night club owner and prominent Shanghai resident. Although Bayer has close connections with the Acting Polish Charge d'Affaires, S. Kostarski, and his wife, he told the Poles who questioned him that he knew nothing about the Association and did not intend to register with it. The Poles then stated that although they would be able to justify their Warsaw passports if open conflict should break out between the United States and the USSR, if the Association should prove to be a Communist group they would not be able to explain satisfactorily their connection with it and would be "thrown into a camp and treated as Soviets".
2. Bayer's statements were evidently passed on to Mrs. Kostarski, who summoned him to the Park Hotel in Shanghai and told him in a threatening manner that he must register with the Polish Citizens' Association and set a good example for the rest of the Shanghai Poles.

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